

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of six wondrous decades has passed since James Eaker lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mary Alice Daugherty, during a solemn ceremony on December 13, 1943, in Durham, North Carolina; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, James and Mary Eaker have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include one daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Jim Watkins of Overland Park, Kansas; and three grandsons, David, Joshua, and Joel; and

Whereas, James Eaker has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving his country as a member of the United States Army and providing for his loved ones through his successful endeavors with James Eaker Contractor, Incorporated, from which he is now retired; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mary Eaker further distinguished herself through valuable service as secretary and bookkeeper for her husband's business; and

Whereas, during their sixty years together, James and Mary Eaker have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Eaker of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary with a reception hosted by their loved ones on December 14, 2003, in the fellowship hall at Lynwood Baptist Church:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to James and Mary Eaker and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. James Eaker.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason G. Crowell
Majority Floor Leader
District No. 158

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1011, adopted March 11, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker